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Captain J. N. Titus Dead

Captain J. N. Titus died in St. Francis hospital, Wichita, at 2 o'clock a. m. Saturday, April 24, 1909 at the age of 67 years. The body was taken to Rutland, Ohio, by his son, E. R. Titus, who was with him during his sickness, on Sunday. The funeral was held yesterday.

Captain Titus was a citizen of Medicine Lodge during the past 23 years. He served as postmaster eight years and was a staunch republican leader. He was a soldier in the civil war and prominent in Masonry.

When not otherwise engaged in business, he was very fond of speculating on the board of trade. Concerning this incident in his life, Sunday's Wichita Eagle says:

"Four years ago Captain Titus came to Wichita and operated on the board of trade. He was a fine judge of speculative tendencies and a few days before he died he analyzed for his physicians the grain situation in Chicago with marvelous accuracy.

"He was a very decent, honorable citizen and held in the highest regard of those who knew him well."

The cause of death was pernicious anaemia which in simpler language means a disease which converts the blood of the system into water. Captain Titus took sick in midwinter and from the beginning little hopes were given out for recovery by his physicians although he himself expressed a belief that he would get well.

His death brings profound sorrow to the people of Medicine Lodge and Barber county where he was known so long and so well. He was a man of strong convictions and fought hard for what he believed was right but he always fought fairly and was a model for honor and integrity.

With his numerous friends, we shall always remember Captain Titus kindly. It can truly be said of him that "he always did right as he saw the right."

Urton-Yankee

Allen H. Urton and Miss Ruth Yankee, both of Lake City, were granted marriage license by Probate Judge Garrison on Friday, April 23rd. They were married on Saturday by the Methodist minister at Lake City.

Mr. Urton is foreman of the Skinner ranch near Lake City. He lived in this township before moving there and is well known in this vicinity as an upright, industrious and energetic young farmer. His bride is a most charming young lady and is highly esteemed by a large circle of friends.

We wish Mr. and Mrs. Urton a long life replete with happiness and prosperity.

Farmers' Institute

Please remember the farmers' institute to be held in the court house at Medicine Lodge on Saturday, May 1st, at 2 p. m. All of the members and all of the boys should be present as this is the last of the farmers' institutes that will be held until fall, when we will have the two days institute and the boys' corn contest. Remember that the institute will not receive boys into the contest after that date. All boys who wish to get into the contest must enroll with the secretary on or before May 1st.—J. E. Thomas, Secretary and Treasurer.

Editor Buys Motor

Editor Oscar Habenlein of the Kiowa News-Review has just received a fine new \$5000 motor car—the finest that has so far been shipped into southern Kansas. We boast of this because it is unusual for a newspaper man in this part of the country to be able to go the gait, but we are proud of it, if for no other reason than to prove that the doctors and the lawyers and "such like" are not the only pebbles on the beach.

For Sale

I have for sale one good black jack, 8 years old, quick actor and sure foal getter. Would exchange for horses or cattle. Robert S. Crane, Medicine Lodge, Kansas.

Probate Judge Garrison issued marriage license on Monday, April 26th, to Richard Davaney of Belvidere and Mabel Cox of Zenda. They were married by Rev. T. J. Hudson and departed on their honeymoon trip the same day.

The Victor Lee air-dome show Friday night may truthfully be described as a chilly affair. An outdoor entertainment when the temperature is down around 40 is far from enjoyable. The show has been here so often that it is getting a little tiresome anyway.

A fine 12-pound daughter came to make her home with Mr. and Mrs. Emmett McCleary on Saturday morning, April 3rd. This is their fifth child, three boys and two girls.

Obituary

The following from a Gosport, Indiana, paper is an obituary notice of Mrs. Hannah Wilson, formerly of Sharon township, whose death was noted in the Index last week:

Hannah DeMotte Wilson, daughter of John DeMotte and Magdalena Mon-Forte DeMotte, was born in Preble county, Ohio, February 20th, 1835.

Died at the home of her foster daughter, Hester Traux, in the town of Gosport, Owen county, Indiana, April 5th, 1909, aged 74 years, 1 month and 15 days.

She was one of ten children, there being three daughters and seven sons in her father's family, one sister and three brothers now surviving, the sister being Magdalena Dunkin, living near Quincy, Indiana, one brother living in Oklahoma and two brothers living in Missouri.

When fifteen years of age she moved with the family to Morgan county, Indiana, was converted and accepted to the Savior in January, 1851 before she was fifteen years of age and united with the M. E. church in which fold she worshipped and lived very happy for a number of years.

On February 15th, 1866 she was married to William R. Wilson of Putnam county, Indiana and quoting the very words of this dear sister, "no children were born to this union, but their home seemed to be the home of the orphan, five found shelter therein." Four girls and one boy whose parents had been called from earth were taken lovingly into the home and hearts of this dear woman and her husband where they were kept and dutifully trained, two of them being adopted, namely, William M. Wilson, taken by them when he was four years of age and is now living in Oklahoma, and Hester Leonard Traux, whose comfort and blessing it has been to aid in making the last days of the foster mother as comfortable as possible.

In January, 1886 the husband and his wife with their foster son, William, moved to Barber county, Kansas and there being no church of her faith near she with her husband and foster son united with the Missionary Baptist church and was faithful and happy in her work and worship, her home always being open to all God's Ministers of every name and order.

On April 24, 1908 she and her husband moved to Gosport to the home of the foster daughter.

She has never been a strong woman, being kept from the activities of life by much sickness, her last sickness confining her continuously to her bed for 5 months and five days.

Her husband and all her acquaintances testify to her great patience, sweetness of disposition and her husband says no matter what her condition she always had a smile for everyone and that he never knew her to allow the opportunity to go by when she knew she was in the presence of one who had not accepted the Saviour to tell them of the gladness of such a joy as she knew and urged them to seek Him whom she loved so well.

Behold the Saint, her end was peace,
Her joys begin, her sorrows cease;
Washed white in her Redeemer's blood,
Ascends to Heaven to dwell with God.

Her toils are past, her work is done
And she is fully blest;
Has fought the fight, the Victory won,
And entered into rest.

The ladies of the Baptist church will give a missionary program in the church the evening of May 6th. The public is cordially invited to attend. Program will be published next week.

There will be a base ball game at Gerlane on Sunday, Gerlane vs. Sharon. They played at Sharon last Sunday and Sharon won in a score of 8 to 7. Gerlane had the lead until the last inning when a ball was fumbled in the field which gave Sharon the game. These teams are very evenly matched and the next game is sure to draw a big crowd.

Another hotel was destroyed by fire in Topeka last Saturday. Four people lost their lives, one of whom was the county clerk of Clay county. The hotel was not as large as the Copeland which burned a few months ago but the fire was more horrible for the reason that loss of life was greater. The hotel destroyed was the Central-Cafe, 526-528 Kansas avenue.

From the best information obtainable it appears that wife No. 1 in the Fralich estate is down and out. It is stated that a search of the court records in a county in eastern Kansas where Mr. Fralich first lived reveals the fact that the first Mrs. Fralich obtained a divorce on the ground of abandonment and if this is true she is stopped from coming in now and sharing in the estate. Nothing has been filed in the probate court here so far to indicate that the present Mrs. Fralich will be disturbed in her claims as the rightful owner of the property.

Raising Alfalfa With Dynamite

The Farmers Mail and Breeze of Topeka has a photograph in last week's number showing the Baptist ladies of this city at work in M. T. Williams's alfalfa field west of town.

In connection with publishing the scene, the Mail and Breeze has this to say of Mr. Williams's Barber county experience:

"A few years ago M. T. Williams bought a quarter section of land near Medicine Lodge in Barber county and conceiving the same idea as Governor Crawford has, used dynamite in dealing with a hard subsoil. The land was overgrown with sunflowers and cockle-burs and would have been considered dear at \$10 per acre. It was underlaid with a hard subsoil that was almost impervious to water. Mr. Williams conceived the idea of loosening this subsoil with dynamite. He bored holes in the earth some 3 feet deep and about 40 feet apart and in each hole placed a part of a stick of dynamite. The explosion of the dynamite loosened the hard subsoil and made a reservoir for the rains which had formerly run off the land nearly as fast as they fell. On this quarter there is now 100 acres of as fine alfalfa perhaps as can be found in the state. Mr. Williams has refused \$15,000 for the quarter and gathers a net income from his alfalfa of from \$30 to \$35 per acre every year.

"Last season Mr. Williams proposed to the ladies of the Baptist church that he would give them a load of hay, provided they would come out to the place, shock the hay, load it on wagons and haul it to town. They took him at his word and shocked and hauled to town two tons which sold for \$16. When the second crop was ready the ladies came again and touched Mr. Williams for a little more than 2 tons which sold as well as the first load. The picture we present of Mr. Williams's alfalfa field on which he used the dynamite, shows the ladies at work."

Recalls a Simpson Story

Lawrence is just now having the time of his life trying to get an electric line, and since the prospects are brightening, the remark of Jerry Simpson when he was first nominated for congress comes to the minds of some of the people who are taking an interest in the projected line. It was in the uncertain and mystic dawn of Populism that the convention met, and Simpson, who had attained a reputation as marshal of Medicine Lodge, made a speech that caught the convention, and he was nominated. Of course, it seemed a forlorn hope, and Jerry regarded the nomination in the light of a joke. Congress was a place so unreal and so far away that he never expected to see it, even from the gallery. But as the minutes went by and the business of the convention went on, he got to thinking that there might be something in it, after all. And when the convention was over, and he walked down the street with a companion, he turned to him with that droll twinkle in his eye that was "fetching" on so many platforms, and remarked, "Wouldn't it beat h—ll if I got it?" That is the way some Lawrence people feel just now about the electric line. And they should remember that Jerry "got it."—K. C. Journal.

Under Indictment

Judge T. L. O'Bryan, formerly of this city, was indicted by the Woodward county (Ok) grand jury last week. The following from the Wichita Beacon is all that is known about the affair. Judge O'Bryan's Barber county friends sincerely hope he will establish his innocence: "The Woodward county grand jury has returned indictments against County Attorney B. F. Willitt and County Judge T. L. O'Bryan, charging them with maladministration of their respective offices in connection with some liquor cases. If the indictments are sustained by the court, it is understood that ouster proceedings will be brought."

Commencement

The Barber County High School and the Medicine Lodge City Schools will close Thursday, May 20th.

The school entertainment will be given at the opera house Tuesday night, May 18th.

The graduating exercises will be held Wednesday, the 19th, and the class reception will be given Thursday night, the 20th.

Programs will be announced later.

Honorable Mention

The Santa Fe came in on time two days in succession last week. The Index makes an item of this because it is really a matter of news, and for the further reason that it desires to give credit where credit has been earned.

But the record was too good to continue and the thing is back in the same old rut again.

Mrs. W. C. Millar came down from Belvidere Monday to visit a day or two with friends in the city.

F. A. Forbes enjoyed the Consistory work in Wichita last week. He returned on Friday well pleased with what he saw and absorbed.

Mrs. J. E. Drysdale and grandchildren and W. E. Cook and wife of Oklahoma City visited last Wednesday and Thursday with Mrs. M. E. Cook in this city.

Mrs. G. W. Hendrickson and nephew, Bertie Hays, went to Cherokee, Oklahoma, last Thursday to visit about a week with Mrs. Hendrickson's daughter, Mrs. M. L. Newland.

W. E. Marquand and Frank Taylor finished their carpenter work at Lake City the latter part of last week and returned Saturday to take hold of some pressing work in town.

Dr. P. M. Nolan of Wichita, arrived in this city on Friday and has established a veterinary office at Johnson Bros. barn. He is a brother of Dr. Nolan, president of the state veterinary board, and with his brother has practiced many years in Kansas.

Rev. Hudson preached a special sermon at the Baptist church to the Odd Fellows, in honor of the order's anniversary, Sunday morning. In the evening Dr. Price, president of Ottawa University occupied the pulpit and delivered an excellent lecture.

The G. A. R. will hold its next regular meeting on Saturday at 2 p. m., in the new city hall back of Davis's store. Arrangements will be made at this meeting for Decoration Day and Memorial services and a good attendance is desired. —By order of the Commander.

Mrs. C. B. Kinkaid went to Wichita on Monday to take medical treatment for a few weeks. Her health has been such that a second surgical operation was deemed necessary. Mr. Kinkaid, Dr. Donovan and Mrs. C. B. Currie accompanied her. Mrs. Currie will remain with her while she is in the hospital.

The townships that have made returns to the county assessor to date are Kiowa, Hazelton, Elm Mills, Lake City, Mingona, Moore, Sun and Turkey. None of the city valuations have yet been returned. It is expected that all except the largest of the townships will be assessed in another week.

The city of Coats, Pratt county, has incorporated and will elect officers May 4th. J. M. Hellings, formerly of this city, has been nominated for mayor and G. F. Kannier, also a former Medicine Lodge man, has been agreed upon for city treasurer and will doubtless be appointed. The newly incorporated city is starting off right.

Prof. G. W. Fields of Sun City closed his school at that place last week and departed on Saturday for his home at Shenandoah, Iowa. He will return to Kansas in June to do normal institute work. He has already been engaged to do work at Ashland in the month of June and will probably make additional engagements. Prof. Fields, in addition to being a very able teacher, is very strong on vocal music and devotes most of his vacation to instructing pupils who desire to take music. He will probably teach in Barber county again next term.

Rev. Imboden preached a special sermon to the M. E. Brotherhood Sunday night which was very interesting. He explained the mission of the organization, religiously, fraternally, socially and in a business way. Following the services the officers of the Brotherhood were installed. The Medicine Lodge Brotherhood was organized less than a year ago. It is composed of 28 members and has a nice prospect of doubling its membership during the ensuing year. Its members are wide-awake, earnest and zealous and the organization is of material benefit to the city and community, whose good work will be in evidence more and more each year.

With the opening of the spring season and the long evenings comes the usual agitation among clerks and merchants for a stricter observance of the 7 o'clock closing rule. During the winter the merchants of the city entered into an agreement to close at 7 o'clock but lately some of them understood that the term of the agreement had expired and no longer recognized it. This does not seem to satisfy the majority who understood that the agreement is still in force and unless all agree to close it may result in all remaining open which will be a particular hardship on the clerks. When all the stores remain open the night trade does not amount to much but if all but one or two close, the ones that remain open do a nice business, which is hardly fair to those who close.

Gravel for sale at 20 cents per load. M. Best.

B. L. Drake of Hazelton transacted business here last Thursday.

"Better than others" shoes for sale by J. K. Richardson, Gerlane. Every pair guaranteed.

H. H. Case brought in his new white Buick motor last Thursday. It is certainly a beauty.

F. M. Shell closed his term of school in the Williams-Reutlinger district three miles west of this city on Friday.

P. B. Cole is building a brick addition on the rear of the grocery side of his already large store. P. B. is a hustler.

J. C. Gazin departed the first of last week for Chicago to buy a big stock of furniture. He returned home on Monday.

Mrs. T. M. Kidd visited with her daughter, Mrs. L. D. Sparks, in Wichita the greater portion of last week. She returned home on Friday.

Mrs. Springer has just received another shipment of Pattern and Dress Hats nicely trimmed. The ladies of Medicine Lodge and vicinity are cordially invited to come and see them.

Several citizens from the northwest came to town last Friday in response to a certain advertisement that appeared in a newspaper but failing to find what they wanted, went home disappointed.

Judge Gleason is building a 15x25 addition to his Main street building—the building occupied by W. E. Stout. Mr. Stout's business has grown to such an extent that he must have more room.

Probate Judge Garrison performed the marriage ceremony of Orville Fager and Edith Broughton, both of Lake City, last Wednesday, April 21st. They are well known in the Lake vicinity and their friends extend good wishes.

Jas. Smythe has sold his farm in Eagle township to Wm. Angel and is preparing to take a trip into southern Oklahoma and northern Arkansas with a view to buying more land. If Jim finally decides to quit old Barber he will make the greatest mistake of his life.

It is announced unofficially that better freight and passenger service is to be granted to this end of Barber county soon. As told to us, it is to be a double run every day from Belvidere to Kiowa or from Belvidere to Atitica. By all means, let it materialize quickly.

The lynching of four cattlemen at Ada, Okla., shows the futility of suppressing publication of court trials as a means of keeping down popular excitement. The newspapers, in obedience to the court's order, kept silent, but the worst tragedy in the history of the new state was enacted just the same.—K. C. Journal.

There is at least one man in Medicine Lodge who has earned all the money paid to him, during the past week, for services rendered. Robt. Tyrell who dug the cess-pool in the court house yard had a strenuous time of it. At a distance of 12 feet he struck sand and two days were spent in controlling the repeated "cave-ins." Finally when brick and lumber failed as a curb, cement was used and the hole was completed. Mr. Tyrell took the contract from the county to dig and wall the cess-pool for 60 dollars. It is 20 feet deep and 12 feet in diameter. After he pays his help he will not have very large wages left. The job, however, is a good one.

The Shumla Colony Lands lottery in Val Verde county, Texas was pulled off last week and many Barber county citizens made a winning. Some twenty or thirty Barber county people took advantage of the drawing and each got a business lot and a residence lot in the town of Shumla and five acres of land closely adjoining the town. These lands comprise about 19,000 acres lying between the Pecos and Rio Grande rivers and are said to be very fertile and especially adapted to fruit growing. The Barber county citizens who drew lots and tracts each invested \$100 and this entitled them to two lots and five acres, but they had to take chances in the matter of location. Some of them were fortunate in getting lots close to the heart of the city while others were not so lucky. J. W. Brown, L. A. Eby and Samuel Griffin of this city and F. J. Warren of Sharon fared the best in this respect so far as we have learned. Mr. Brown was especially successful. His business lot is right near the center of Main street and his residence lot only two blocks out while his 5-acre tract is one of the closest to the town. The country remains to be developed and nothing can yet be said of its probable growth but there is every prospect indicating that the investments made by the Barber county contingent will prove to be a good thing.

Barrel salt at Cole's.

Good alfalfa seed for sale. Address W. C. Alford, Hazelton, Kansas.

The Baptist ladies have another carpet for sale. Inquire of Mrs. Runyan.

The best place in Barber county to buy shoes is at J. K. Richardson's, Gerlane.

A heavy demand on our advertising space has crowded out our continued story this week.

Good clean kafir corn seed at 75 cents per bushel. F. C. Colborn, Medicine Lodge, Kansas.

James Hine, brickmason and stonemason. Work done at reasonable prices. Medicine Lodge, Kansas.

Thos. Owen and family moved back from Kling last week and have again renewed allegiance to Medicine Lodge.

W. R. Forsyth and H. D. Fair attended the Consistory festivities in Wichita last Wednesday and Thursday, returning Thursday night.

L. A. Shaw departed on Tuesday of last week on a prospecting trip through Oregon and Washington and will probably extend the trip into California.

Mrs. W. E. Stout went to Wichita last Thursday to take a course of treatment in St. Francis hospital. She will probably be in the hospital six weeks.

The May term of the district court will convene May 10th. The criminal docket appears to be heavier than usual but all of the cases are of a petty nature.

Ben Woodard of Alva was in the city last Thursday and Friday. He came up to get G. A. Hibbard's fine driving mare which an Alva party purchased recently.

Thos. Balmer of Nippawalla attended the Masonic festivities in Wichita last Wednesday. Tom makes it a point to attend these conventions annually and he never fails to have a royal good time.

A. D. Shaw departed last Friday for Big Springs, Texas, to load out 353 head of steers which he purchased last fall. He is shipping them for summer pasturage to Augusta, Kansas.

Dr. G. W. Jones resigned the Episcopal parish Sunday night and he will devote his entire time to his profession in the future. The vacancy caused by Dr. Jones's resignation will soon be supplied.

Under a ruling made by Attorney General Jackson, state banks may begin to guarantee their deposits July 1st. The banks have not shown any signs of being in a great rush to take advantage of the privilege, however.

Mrs. E. L. McCracken contracted last week with C. C. Hittle to remodel and paint her residence on First avenue west. Mrs. McCracken has also set a fine example by putting in cement pavement the full length of her lots.

Jas. Moore of Mingona township recently bought a bargain in a span of iron grey horses that he picked up at the Allen sale in this city at \$305. It would probably take \$100 today to buy Jim's bargain. Horse flesh is rapidly advancing these days.

T. L. Sale of Forest returned last Wednesday from a week's visit with his brother, J. E. Sale, at Aline, Oklahoma. The distance traveled on this trip was about 80 miles and on the present Santa Fe schedule it took Uncle Tom just four days to cover the distance. The next time he goes away he will walk in order to save time.

There is a growing demand for an anti-chicken ordinance among the property owners of the city and it is said that the mayor and council are considering the matter. If it were left to the average home owners they would rather suffer horses and cattle to run at large than chickens. There is some chance to fence the larger stock out but an outlaw chicken can be conquered only one way and that is with a gun or an ax.

Society not from the Wichita Beacon: Some unknown friend sends in this little society note to the Jewell County Republican: "Mr. and Mrs. Sayhogan gave a delightful draw bridge party Wednesday night in their beautiful mortgaged home on Broad street. The long room was cleared of its junk and all the silverware the charming hostess could borrow was displayed. The lights were turned out about 7 o'clock by the electric company. Mr. Sayhogan rented a dress suit for the occasion. Mrs. Sayhogan wore a beautiful dress which she got on the installment plan. The event was the greatest thing pulled in the town for some time, and everybody voted the Sayhogans the nerviest people ever locating in our midst."